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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Office Action of June 16, 2003. Claims 1-54 are currently pending in this application. Since this response is being transmitted to the Office on June 27, 2003, this response is timely filed.

The Office requires restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-50, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device and method of increasing semiconductor manufacturing device yield.

Group II: Claims 51-54, drawn to a semiconductor device.

Within Group I, the Office requires an election of species as follows:

Species I: Claims 1-46, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

Species II: Claims 47-50, drawn to a method of increasing semiconductor manufacturing device yield.

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In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Species I, Claims 1-46, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications containing claims directed to all or part of the subject matter of any claims amended, withdrawn, or canceled at any time during the prosecution of this application, and thus unclaimed subject matter is not dedicated to the public.

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Respectfully submitted,

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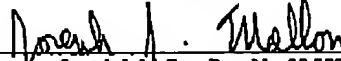
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